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PSC SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR E911 WIRELESS ADVISORY BOARD SEATS

LINCOLN – The Nebraska Public Service Commission is accepting applications to fill vacancies on the Nebraska Wireless E911 Advisory Board.

The advisory board has 11 members, composed of 10 board members representing all areas of the state, plus Public Service Commissioner Jerry Vap of McCook. The original advisory board members were appointed in 2001 by Governor Mike Johanns to work with the Public Service Commission to implement Phase I enhanced 911 that will deliver a 911 call with the wireless phone's call-back number and location of the tower from which the call originated.

The Board is comprised of one sheriff; two county officials or employees; two municipal officials or employees; two representatives from the state's wireless telecommunications industry; one manager of a public safety answering point (PSAP), not employed by a sheriff; one representative of the state's local exchange telecommunications service industry; one commissioner from the Public Service Commission, who shall serve as an ex officio member; and the director of the Department of Administrative Services or his or her designee, who shall serve as an ex officio member.

The board positions currently open are for one county official or employee; two municipal employees or officials; one public service answering point manager, and one representative from a local exchange carrier. The positions are open on the board are due to either retirement or expiration of three-year term. Advisory board members serve three-year terms without pay, but are reimbursed for expenses associated with attendance at advisory board obligations.

The function of the advisory board is to advise the PSC concerning implementation, development, administration, coordination, evaluation and maintenance of the enhanced Wireless 911 Fund. Additionally, the Board makes recommendations to the Commission regarding implementation of enhanced wireless 911, including allocation of funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund as provided by statute, rules and regulations, adjustments to surcharge, resolution of disputes between PSAPs and wireless carriers, and other functions as directed by the Public Service Commission.

The Nebraska Wireless Enhanced 911 fund is financially supported by a 50-cent surcharge on each wireless telephone line on monthly telephone bills.

Persons interested in the vacancy should submit a letter of interest to P.O. Box 94927, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4927. The letters should be sent to the attention of Kara Thielen by October 1.

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